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Remarks

Reconsideration and allowance of this application, as amended, are respectfully requested.

Applicants acknowledge with gratitude the indication of allowable subject matter. Accordingly, the claims have been amended to expedite prosecution of the application. In response to the allowance of claims 16-19, claims 1-6, 8-13, and 15 have been canceled. (Claims 7 and 14 had been previously canceled.) In response to the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 21 and 22, claim 20 has been canceled and claim 21 has been rewritten in independent form. Claims 16-19, 21, and 22 are now pending in the application. Claims 16 and 21 are independent.

In view of the foregoing, this application is now in condition for allowance. If the examiner believes that an interview might expedite prosecution, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

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